

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUNDING WINDOW

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT Heritage Grant Environmental Education (EE) Proposal's – Eligibility CRITERIA

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (EE) as defined in A.R.S. § 17-296, means educational programs dealing with basic ecological principles and the effects of natural and man related processes on natural and urban systems and programs to enhance public awareness of the importance of safeguarding natural resources.

The intent is to fund **EE** projects that give the greatest return for the Heritage funds invested consistent with the eligibility criteria listed below. For **2017** there is **\$16,000** available to support **EE grant proposals**. Grant applicants can request from **\$500 to \$10,000** within this sub-category.

EE proposals must meet one or more of the Eligibility CRITERIA listed below:

CRITERION 1: Educator Professional Development Partnerships.

The emphasis of this criterion is to provide funds to help professional educators develop resources, programs, lessons or activities inspired by Department-sponsored educator professional development training. These costs may include teacher leave time, substitute teacher fees, facility rentals, related classroom materials and more. The training may be orientated toward a specific school/district, Arizona County, college/university pre-service program, or non-profit organizational program. Preference will be given to continued and sustained training, as opposed to one-time workshops. Professional development **must focus on Arizona wildlife species** and emphasize one or more of the following topics:

- a. History of Wildlife Conservation and the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation
- b. Fostering Outdoor Observation Skills
- c. Fostering Outdoor Inquiry Skills
- d. Technology for Field Investigations
- e. Integrating Science and Language Arts
- f. Integrating Science and Social Studies
- g. Other topics may be considered, if approved by the Department's Wildlife Education Branch. Please contact Eric Proctor, Wildlife Education Coordinator at eproctor@azgfd.gov for further information.

CRITERION 2: North American Model of Wildlife Conservation Education and Outreach.

The purpose of this criterion is to provide funds to develop and implement unique projects that educate the public on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation (NAM). Examples of projects can include, but are not limited to: media or marketing campaigns, formal or informal curriculum, and interactive exhibits. Information about NAM can be found at http://www.azgfd.gov/h_f/northamericanmodel.shtml. Priority will be given to projects that:

- a. Reach audiences currently unaware of the NAM.
- b. Can be easily replicated beyond the scope of the original proposal.

CRITERION 3: Developing Natural Resource Stewards.

The purpose of this criterion is to fund collaborative multi-agency/organization projects that use outdoor recreation as the foundation to develop public appreciation and stewardship of natural resource conservation. These funds should be used to assist with the implementation of projects that will efficiently allow these organizations to link their natural resource education and outreach programs together. The focus should be on breaking down barriers between different organizations to allow collaborative planning and facilitate opportunities for a broader segment of the public to learn about natural resource conservation through continuous hands on, outdoor based, recreational activities.

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